

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action including restriction requirement mailed September 11, 2006, the Examiner required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits in the event no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Accordingly, Applicants elect without traverse the species of FIG. 8, and identify the following claims as being readable thereon: claims 1-5, 10-18, and 23-27. Claims 6-9 and 19-22 not identified as being drawn to this species are accordingly withdrawn by this amendment, pending indication of the allowability of a generic claim.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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